

HOUSE BILLS

HB 3251 – Local Government Unit Dissolution (Representative Franks, D-Woodstock)

Amends the Counties Code. Adds a Division addressing local government reduction and efficiency. Provides the General Assembly's findings regarding units of local government and possible inefficiencies. Permits the question of dissolution of a unit of local government to be proposed to the voters of the county either by resolution of the county board or by petition by the voters. Provides that the referendum shall designate the county department or officer, or both, that shall assume the powers, duties, assets, records, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities of the dissolved unit. Further provides for any outstanding indebtedness of the unit, abatement of any tax levied by the unit, and pending litigation involving the unit. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: no position

Bill Status: HB 3251 has been Assigned to Counties and Townships Committee, Hearing March 21st.
House Committee Amendment 1 – House Committee Amendment 2

HB 3664 – FOIA-Severance Agreements (Representative Kosel, R-Mokena)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a settlement agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act. Provides that a severance agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act. Defines "settlement agreement" and "severance agreement". Provides that the provisions barring publicly-funded confidential settlement or severance agreements do not apply to agreements signed before the effective date of the amendatory Act.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 3664 has been referred to the Rules Committee. There has been a hearing scheduled with the Judiciary Committee for March 5th at 8:30am. Room C-1 Stratton Building. Chairperson E. Nekritz. House Committee Amendment No.1 Filed with Clerk on Feb 25th and referred back to Rules Committee. House Committee Amendment No.1 Rules Referred to Judiciary. Amendment No.2 Filed with Clerk, then referred to Rules Committee. House Committee Amendment No.1 Adopted in Judiciary by Voice Vote. Do Pass as Amended/ Short Debate Judiciary. House Committee Amendment No.2 Tabled Pursuant to Rule 40.

Placed on Calendar, 2nd Reading – Short Debate.

HB 3678 – Property Tax – Increased Rate (Representative Franks, D-Woodstock)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that if in any levy year (1) the tax rate for the sum of all of the funds that are included in a taxing district's aggregate levy exceeds the district's tax rate for those funds in the previous levy year, and (2) the district is not otherwise required to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing, then the corporate authorities of the taxing district must approve, by ordinance or resolution, the total tax rate and hold a public hearing. Contains provisions concerning notice. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 3678 has been assigned to the Revenue & Finance Committee, Hearing Scheduled for March 21. Property Tax Subcommittee Hearing March 21

HB 3726 – Property Tax – Falling EAV (Representative Sandack, Pihos, Sullivan, R-Downers Grove, R-Glen Ellyn, R-Mundelein)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that if (i) the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year is less than the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the previous levy year, or (ii) the median equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year and the 2 levy years immediately preceding the current levy year is less than the median equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the 3 levy years immediately preceding that 3-year period, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or the rate of increase approved by the voters). Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML: IML Oppose

Bill Status: HB 3726 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No hearing has been scheduled at this time.

HB 3727 – Property Tax – Falling EAV (Representative Sandack, Pihos, Sullivan, R-Downers Grove, R-Glen Ellyn, R-Mundelein)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year (excluding new property, recovered tax increment value, and property that is annexed to or disconnected from the taxing district in the current levy year) is less than the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the previous levy year, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters). Provides that a referendum to increase the extension limitation may not be conducted at a general primary or a consolidated primary election. Provides that certain supplemental information must be provided on the referendum ballot. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 3727 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No hearing has been scheduled at this time.

HB 3750 – Inc. Tax-Local Gov Distributive (Representative DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on February 1, 2015, the Treasurer shall transfer each month from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund an amount equal to 10% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed under the Act during the preceding month (instead of: (i) beginning on February 1, 2015 and through January 31, 2025, an amount equal to the sum of 8% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed upon individuals, trusts, and estates, and 9.14% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on corporations; and (ii) beginning on February 1, 2025, an amount equal to the sum of 9.23% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed upon individuals, trusts, and estates, and 10% of the net revenue realized from the tax imposed on corporations)

BACOG Position: Support

IML Initiative

Bill Status: HB 3750 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No hearing has been scheduled

HB 3758 – Muni-Non Home Rule Powers (Cabello, R-Loves Park)

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides non-home rule municipalities the power to exercise all power provided to home rule units under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, except for the powers to tax and to incur debt. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: HB 3758 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No hearing has been scheduled

HB 3759 – Muni- Home Rule Tax Limitations(Cabello, R-Loves Park)f

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2014, no home rule unit may impose any tax increase, or levy any new or additional tax, without prior referendum approval.

BACOG Position: Oppose

HB 4243 – Property Tax – Special Service Area (Ives, Soto, McSweeney, Williams; R-Wheaton, D-Chicago,R-Cary, D-Chicago)

Amends the Special Service Area Tax Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the term "special services" means infrastructure projects pertaining to the government and affairs of the municipality or county. Provides that a list of the names and addresses of the individuals and entities receiving a mailed notice of the public hearing concerning the establishment of a special service area shall be published at the time notice is given and shall be available at the public hearing. Provides that no special service area may be created or enlarged; no special service area tax may be levied, imposed, or increased; and no bonds may be issued in connection with a special service area, unless an authorization petition is filed with the municipal clerk or county clerk. Effective immediately

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 42433 has been assigned to the Property Tax Subcommittee under Revenue and Finance, hearing March 21

HB 4268 – Labor Agreement Hearings (Ives, Tryon, Wheeler, McSweeney, Menner, Kay, Sosnowski, Morrison)

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that, once an agreement is reached between a public or educational employer and its employees regarding all of the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and published on the website of the public or educational employer. Requires the public or educational employer, not less than 14 days after publishing such an agreement, to hold an open public meeting on the ratification of that agreement. Makes conforming changes in the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position:

Bill Status: HB 4268 has been assigned to the State Government Administration Committee, Hearing on March 20th, House Committee Amendment 2

HB 4273 – Advisory Referendum on 2014 Ballot (Franks, D-Marengo & Sandack, R-Downers Grove)

Asking voters to weigh in on Frank's property tax reform measure which would "freeze the amount that local taxing bodies could raise annual levies if the value of the property in the tax district decreased." i.e. taxes could not increase without an increase in property value.

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4273 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No hearing has been scheduled

HB 4317 – Lobbyist Registration - Various (Franks, D-Marengo & Drury, D-Highwood)

Amends the Lobbyist Registration Act. Provides that lobbying is an activity that may be undertaken by non-attorneys. Further provides that the General Assembly declares that lobbying records should generally be available to the public, and work records related to lobbying are not shielded by the attorney-client privilege solely because the lobbyist employed by the unit of government is an attorney. Requires units of local government and school districts to register with the Secretary of State if it employs or compensates a lobbyist. Requires every lobbying entity to report billings to clients, which includes the amount billed, the client billed, and the time frame in which services were performed. Provides that lobbying is an activity that may be undertaken by persons without any professional credential, and no professional privileges or immunities shall attach to lobbying work-product solely on the basis that such work was performed by a person with professional credential or credentials. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4317 was assigned to the Cities and Villages Committee. Amendment No. 1 was Filed and referred to the Rules Committee. Hearing in Cities and Villages Committee scheduled for March 19, 2014

HB 4418 – Muni Fire Dept Dissolution (Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville)

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Prohibits a city or village that owns, operates, or maintains any fire protection or advanced life support services facility from ceasing the operation and maintenance of these facilities unless the proposed cessation is first submitted to the voters by referendum. Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Prohibits a city or village that owns, operates, or maintains any fire protection or advanced life support services facility that is located in whole or in part within or adjacent to the corporate limits of a fire protection district from ceasing the operation and maintenance of these facilities unless the proposed cessation is first submitted to the voters by referendum. Sets forth requirements and referendum language for the dissolution. Provides for the transfer of services, operations, facilities, rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, employees and responsibilities of the dissolved fire department to the fire protection district designated by the referendum.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4418 is scheduled for a hearing in the Public Safety: Police & Fire Committee on March 25th. Chairperson Rita Mayfield House Committee Amendment No.1 Filed

BACOG Action: Filed Witness Slip for practice.

HB 4426 – Property Tax – Falling EAV (Representative Sandack, R-Downers Grove++)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that if (i) the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year is less than the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the previous levy year, or (ii) the median equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year and the 2 levy years immediately preceding the current levy year is less than the median equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the 3 levy years immediately preceding that 3-year period, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or the rate of increase approved by the voters). Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4426 has been Assigned to the Property Tax Subcommittee. There is a Revenue and Finance Committee Hearing Scheduled for March 21, 2014

HB 4429 – Property Tax – Falling EAV (Representative Sandack, R-Downers Grove++)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that, if the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the current levy year (excluding new property, recovered tax increment value, and property that is annexed to or disconnected from the taxing district in the current levy year) is less than the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district for the previous levy year, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters). Provides that a referendum to increase the extension limitation may not be conducted at a general primary or a consolidated primary election. Provides that certain supplemental information must be provided on the referendum ballot. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4429 has been Assigned to the Property Tax Subcommittee. There is a Revenue and Finance Committee Hearing Scheduled for March 21, 2014

HB 4430 – Procurement Intergovernmental (Representative Sandack, R-Downers Grove)

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that contracts of \$250,000 or more between (i) the State and its political subdivisions, (ii) the State and other governments, or (iii) State governmental bodies are not exempt from the Code. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Neutral

Bill Status: HB 4430 has been Assigned to the State Government Administration Committee Hearing is Scheduled for March 20, 2014

HB 4437 – Availability of Notice or Agenda (Representative Halbrook, R-Shelbyville)

Deletes a provision in the Open Meetings Act which otherwise provides that if a notice or agenda is not continuously available for the required period due to actions outside of the control of the public body, then the lack of availability does not invalidate any meeting or action taken at the meeting.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4437 is scheduled for a hearing in the House State Government Administration Committee on March 20th and 21st Chairperson is Jack Franks.

HB 4438 – Requests During Meetings (Representative Halbrook, R-Shelbyville)

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that if a person requests information from the corporate authorities of a public body during a meeting and if the corporate authorities of the public body do not respond to the request during the meeting, then the corporate authorities of the public body shall provide a written response to the request prior to or at the next meeting of the public body. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4438 is scheduled for a hearing in the House State Government Administration Committee on March 20th and 21st. Chairperson Jack Franks.

HB 4450 Property Tax - Levy Reduction (Representative Cabello, R-Loves Park)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2014 and concluding in taxable year 2018, the county clerk shall reduce the property taxes levied by each taxing district to a level that is not greater than that taxing district's levy in the previous taxable year. Provides that the county clerk may increase or decrease the portion of a total tax levy paid by any individual taxpayer, provided that

the increase or decrease in the individual taxpayer's tax bill is based solely on a change in the equalized assessed value of the taxpayer's property. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4450 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No Hearing has been scheduled.

HB 4460 – Property Tax - Overpayments (Representative Rita, D-Blue Island)

Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning refunds for erroneous assessments or overpayments, makes the following changes applicable to Cook County: (i) allows the claimant to recover the costs of suit, and (ii) provides that the total amount of taxes and interest refunded for claims for which the right to a refund arose prior to January 1, 2009 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4460 was assigned to the Revenue and Finance Committee, there is a hearing Scheduled for March 21st. Also assigned to the Property Tax Subcommittee

HB 4461 – INC TX-LGDF IF Rate Reduced (Representative Cabello, R-Loves Park+)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, if the rate of tax is reduced because the State has exceeded the State spending limit, then, beginning with the first distribution to occur after the effective date of the reduction, the State Comptroller shall order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer each month from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund an amount equal to 1/10 of the net revenue realized under Act during the preceding month. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: HB 4461 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No Hearing has been scheduled.

HB 4477 – Public Labor – Attorney Fees (Representative Phelps, D-Harrisburg)

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that, unless mutually agreed otherwise, any party to a collective bargaining agreement who fails to timely comply with an arbitration award or who, after timely demand, fails to submit a grievance dispute concerning the administration or interpretation of an agreement to arbitration shall pay to the prevailing party all reasonable costs of the proceeding in the trial and reviewing courts, including reasonable attorneys' fees. Provides that a charging party or person who, pursuant to an application for judicial review of an order of the Board issued in relation to an unfair labor practice proceeding, obtains a stay of the Board's order pending judicial review shall pay all reasonable costs of the proceedings in the reviewing courts, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as determined by the court, in the event the final unappealable decision of the reviewing courts is adverse to the party obtaining the stay. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4477 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No Hearing has been scheduled.

HB 4479 – INC TX-Corporate Income Tax Rate (Representative Madigan)

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Reduces the income tax rate for corporations to 3.5% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. Removes a provision reducing the income tax rate on corporations if the State exceeds the specified spending limitation. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4479 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No Hearing has been scheduled.

HB 4531 – Notices-Electronic Publication (Representative Sosnowski, R-Rockford)

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that whenever a governmental unit is required to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by law, order of court, or contract, the governmental unit may publish the notice on an official government website instead of in a newspaper. Provides conditions concerning the availability and format of the notice web page. Repeals a Section concerning the placement of published notices on a statewide website and makes corresponding changes throughout the Act and in the Newspaper Legal Notice Act. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: HB 4531 has been Assigned to the State Government Administration Committee, hearing scheduled for March 20th

HB 4572 – Local Govt – Electronic Posting (Representative Franks, D-Woodstock)

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that on or before June 1, 2015, the county code and all ordinances and regulations adopted by the county board shall be provided by the county clerk to the Office of the State Comptroller in an electronic format designated by the Comptroller. Provides that beginning October 15, 2015, updated information shall be provided on a quarterly basis. Sets forth posting requirements and penalties for delinquent reporting. Makes conforming changes in the Township Code and the Illinois Municipal Code.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 4572 has been referred Counties and Townships Committee. Hearings are scheduled for March 21st. Chairperson Eddie Jackson.

HB 4723 – PTELL-FIRE PROTECTION (Reps Mofitt, R- Galesburg)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that special purpose levies made by a fire protection district for the purposes of insurance, torts, and risk management programs are exempt from the definition of "aggregate extension".

BACOG Position: No position at this time

Bill Status: HB 4723 has been referred to the Rules Committee

HB 4724 – Domestic Worker Bill Of Rights (Reps Mofitt, R- Galesburg)

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that special purpose levies made by a fire protection district for the purpose of making contributions to a firefighter's pension fund are exempt from the definition of "aggregate extension".

BACOG Position: No position

Bill Status: HB 4724 has been referred to the Property Tax Subcommittee. Hearing is scheduled for March 21st

HB 4742 – Pension DC-Police/Fire Training (Reps Mofitt, R- Galesburg)

Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the trustees of downstate police and firefighter pension funds to complete the 32-hour initial ethics training in 2 years (rather than 1 year) and the 16-hour continuing ethics training every 2 years thereafter (rather than every year thereafter). Requires 8 hours of the 32-hour initial ethics training to be completed in the first year and to include training in trustee ethics and fiduciary duties and liabilities. After completion of the initial ethics training, requires 4 hours of continuing training in trustee ethics and fiduciary duties and liabilities each year. Requires specified portions of the continuing ethics training to be done in a classroom or comparable online setting. Authorizes the balance of the continuing ethics training to be earned through participation in board hearings or training opportunities associated with other organizations or employment that are applicable to the duties of a pension fund trustee. Authorizes the training required

of trustees of downstate police and firefighter pension funds to be applied toward the 8-hour continuing ethics training requirement that applies to all trustees of pension and retirement systems in the State.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: HB 4742 has been referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 5311 – Property Tax Assessment Freeze (Rep. McSweeney, R-Cary; Rep. Phelps, D-Harrisburg; Rep. Ed Sullivan Jr., R-Mundelein; Rep. Halbrook, R-Charlston)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a Township Property Tax Extension Freeze for the 2014 levy year for townships with a population of 100,000 or less that are located within a county that is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 5311 has been referred to the Rules Committee. Already had 2nd Reading- Short Debate. Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading – Short Debate. Chairperson Eddie Jackson.

BACOG Action: Talked to all legislators about bill 3/5-6/14

HB 5329 – Muni Code- Pilot Program (Rep. Pritchard, R-Sycamore; Rep. Kifowit, D-Aurora; Rep. Farnham, D-Elgin; Rep. Hatcher, R-Yorkville)

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Creates a 5-year pilot program for non-home rule municipalities with populations in excess of 5,000 located in Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb Counties. Provides that such non-home rule municipalities shall exercise the same powers as home rule municipalities except the power to tax or impose fees. Provides that a municipality with a population in excess of 5,000 located in Kane, Kendall, or DeKalb County that previously held home rule status, and later ended its home rule status by referendum, decrease in population, or otherwise, shall also exercise the powers granted under the Act. Provides legislative intent.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: HB 5329 has been referred to the Rules Committee. There is a Hearing scheduled for March 19th with the Cities and Villages Committee. Chairperson Anthony Deluca.

HB 5349 – Finance – Municipal Funds (Representative Thaddeus Jones, D-Calumet City)

Amends the State Finance Act. Requires the mayor or village president of each municipality to submit a 3-year economic development and housing stabilization plan for the municipality to the municipality's city council or village board for approval. Provides that after receiving such approval, the mayor or village president shall submit the plan to the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for certification. Prohibits the State Treasurer from distributing any funds to a municipality until receipt of the certification. Makes conforming changes in the State Treasurer Act.

BACOG Position:

Bill Status: HB 5349 has been referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 5422 – Sales Tax Bill (Representative Manley, R-Joliet)

Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, upon resolution of a municipality, the Department shall permit any duly authorized officer or employee of the municipality, or any other person designated by that municipality, to examine all of the records reported to the Department pertaining to the collection of use and occupation taxes for the municipality by the Department. Provides that designated individuals, other than officers and employees of the municipality, must meet certain criteria before they are allowed to examine the records. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Endorse

Bill Status: HB 5422 has been referred to the Rules Committee. There is a Hearing scheduled with Revenue and Finance for March 21st. Also went to Sales and Other Taxes Subcommittee. Chairperson John Bradley.

BACOG Action: Endorsement on WCGL Fact Sheet

HB 5485 – Public Labor Rel-Manning (Representative Mayfield, D-Waukegan)

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that in the case of fire fighter, and fire department or fire district paramedic matters, the arbitration decision shall be limited to wages, hours, and conditions of employment, which may include manning and residency requirements.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 5485 has been referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee. House Committee Amendment No.1 Filed and referred back to Rules Committee. Do/Pass/Short Debate Labor & Commerce Committee. House Committee Amendment No. 1 Tabled Pursuant to Rule 40. Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading – Short Debate. House Floor Amendment No.2 Filed with Clerk and Referred to Rules Committee. Chairperson Jay Hoffman. Labor and Commerce Committee Hearing March 20

BACOG Action: Witness Slip filed for Labor and Commerce Committee on 3/4/14. Letter of Opposition written to Rep. Sullivan, Morrison, Tryon and Farnham 3/17/14

HB 5666 – Solid Waste Hauling Program (Representative DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights)

Creates the Illinois Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Program Act. Provides that any person who engages in the business of collecting or hauling garbage, municipal waste, recyclable material, landscape waste, brush, or other refuse operating in specified counties or municipalities shall offer the collection of recyclable materials from any commercial business, commercial property, or institutional facility. Provides that recyclable materials collected by a hauler within a county shall not be deposited into a landfill or incinerator unless all reasonable efforts have been made by the hauler to sell those recyclable materials to a processor or end user. Provides that counties and municipalities may require haulers operating within their boundaries to obtain license decals. Requires recycling centers or recycling center operators to report to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Provides that the new requirements apply only to contracts for collecting or hauling of garbage, municipal waste, recyclable material, landscape waste, brush, or other refuse entered into, renewed, or extended on or after the effective date of the Act. Provides that a home rule unit may not regulate haulers in a manner less restrictive than the regulation of haulers under the Act. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the contract provisions of the Act are subject to the provisions of the Illinois Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Program Act, and apply only to contracts or franchises regulated by the Illinois Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Program Act awarded prior to the effective date, provided that the contract is not modified to cover additional categories of refuse, waste, or material. Amends the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. Provides that the Act is subject to the provisions of the Illinois Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Program Act.

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 5666 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No Hearing is Scheduled at this time.

HB 5719 – Local Govt-Professional Servs (Representative Dunkin, D-Chicago)

Amends the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act. Provides that when political subdivision is selecting a professional services firm for a project, that political subdivision must follow certain procedures concerning public notices, evaluations, and selections, regardless of whether that subdivision has a preexisting satisfactory relationship with that firm.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: HB 5719 has been referred to the Rules Committee. No Hearing is Scheduled at this time.

HB 5859 – Pension Code-Downstate Police&Fire-Open Meeting (Representative Ives, R-Wheaton)

Amends the Downstate Police and Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the pension board shall provide notice of each meeting to the mayor or president of the board of trustees of the municipality at least 48 hours prior to that meeting. Provides that if the board fails to provide that notice for any meeting, then any action taken at that meeting is invalid. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position, Support

Bill Status: HB 5859 has been referred to the Rules Committee. Assigned to the Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing is Scheduled for March 25th. Chairperson Elaine Nekritz

BACOG Action: Witness Slip Filed, Personnel and Pensions, 3/4/14

HB 5860 – PENSION CD-DNST POL& FIRE-INTERVENE (Representative Ives, R-Wheaton)

Amends the Downstate Police and Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the municipality is entitled to appear, as a matter of right, in any proceeding involving a duty disability benefit. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

Bill Status: HB 5860 has been referred to the Rules Committee. Assigned to the Personnel and Pensions Committee Hearing is Scheduled for March 25th. Chairperson Elaine Nekritz

SENATE BILLS

SB 1681 – Unified Fire Protection District (Senator Link, D-Waukegan)

Creates the Unified Fire Protection District Act. Provides the purpose of the Act and definitions. Provides that a Unified Fire Protection District may be formed either by referendum or intergovernmental agreement, and sets forth requirements for each method of formation. Provides for a Planning Committee, its formation, powers, and duties with regard to the Plan. Provides guidelines for the Plan that shall design, finance, and develop the new District. Provides for the board of trustees of the Unified Fire Protection District and their duties, powers, and obligations with regard to the District. Further provides for employees, contracts, tax levy, indebtedness, and liabilities of the formerly separate units of local government now consolidated into a Unified Fire Protection District. Provides for the dissolution of the District by referendum. Two Amendments follow this synopsis.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: Local Government Hearing 3rd Reading, Senate Floor, Amendment 3, Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 6th. Chairperson Emil Jones

BACOG Action: Letter to Senators Urging Opposition

SB 2612 – Revenue-Auditors (Senators Kotowski D-Park Ridge; Bush, D-Grayslake; & Althoff, R-McHenry)

Amends the State Finance Act, the Illinois Income Tax Act, the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Telecommunications Excise Tax Act, and the Telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Act. Provides for transfers from certain special funds of the State to the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund. Provides that those moneys shall be used, subject to appropriation, to fund additional auditors and compliance personnel at the Department of Revenue. Effective on the first day of the first calendar month to occur not less than 30 days after this Act becomes law.

BACOG Position:

Bill Status: Has been assigned to Revenue, Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading for March 4th. Second Reading. Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 5th. Passed; 035-019-000. Arrived in House. First Reading, Referred to Rules Committee

SB 2647 – Zoning Legislation – School District (Senator Althoff, R-McHenry)

Amends the School Code. Provide that a school district is subject to and its school board must comply with any valid local government zoning ordinance or resolution that applies where the pertinent part of the school district is located.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: Has been assigned to Education with a hearing scheduled for February 25th. Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 27th. Second Reading. Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 4th.

SB 2648 – Hazardous Tree Removal Bill (Senator Althoff, R-McHenry)

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the term "public works" does not include the pruning, replacement, or removal of hazardous trees. Defines "hazardous trees" to mean diseased or irreparably damaged trees or trees that constitute a hazard. Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: Has been assigned to the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee. Third Reading Passed; 048-000-000. Arrived in House. First Reading, Referred to Rules Committee Chairperson Gary Forby

BACOG Action: Witness Slip Filed, Labor and Commerce, 3/4/14

SB 2772 – Tourism Funds (Senator T. Cullerton, D-Villa Park)

Amends the Municipal Code. Provides that not less than fifty percent of the amounts collected pursuant to the municipal hotel operators' occupation tax and municipal hotel use tax shall be used to promote tourism within that municipality. Provides that the remainder of the amounts collected may be used by the municipality for general corporate purposes.

BACOG Position: Support

Bill Status: Has been assigned to the Senate Revenue Committee. Chairperson Toi Hutchinson..

SB 2829 – Administrative Appeals (Senator Link, D-Waukegan)

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that in a successful appeal under the Administrative Review Law of an adverse decision by a unit of local government, the court shall award the plaintiff all reasonable costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, associated with the appeal. Provides that if the court finds the decision by the unit of local government was clearly erroneous or that the plaintiff's rights to due process were abridged, the court may award the plaintiff all reasonable costs associated with the entire case dating back to the inception of the administrative proceeding.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Opposes

Bill Status: Has been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 18.

Bill Status: Hearing Postponed till February 25th

Bill Status: Senate Committee Amendment No.1 Filed with Secretary, referred to assignments. Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing Postponed. Will receive an amendment to exempt Chicago. Senate Committee Amendment No.2 Filed and Referred to Assignments.

BACOG Action: Witness Slip Filed, Judiciary, 3/4/14

SB 2854 – Property Tax Overpayments (Senator Jones & Noland, D-Chicago & D-Elgin)

Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning refunds for erroneous assessments or overpayments, makes the following changes applicable to Cook County: (i) allows the claimant to recover the costs of suit, and (ii) provides that the total amount of taxes and interest refunded for claims for which the right to a refund arose prior to January 1, 2009 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year.

BACOG Position:

Bill Status: Assigned to Revenue, Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading March 6th

SB 2926 – FOIA-Records on Website (Senator Biss & McGuire, D-Evanston & D-Crest Hill)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body is not required to copy and make available for public inspection a public record that is published on the public body's website if the public body's Freedom of Information officer certifies that the online record is a true and accurate copy of the original record maintained by the public body. Provides that the Freedom of Information officer shall notify the person requesting the public record that it is available online. Provides that if the person requesting the public record is unable to access the record online, the public body is then required to copy and make available the public record.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: Has been assigned to Executive with a hearing scheduled for February 26th. 1:00pm. Moved to Subcommittee on Governmental Operations. No Hearing Scheduled.

SB 2973 – Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge Sunset (Senator T. Cullerton, D-Villa Park)

Amends the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety Act. Eliminates the July 1, 2014 repeal of the Act. Removes the sunset date on the wireless Emergency Telephone Safety Act.

BACOG Position: Support

Bill Status: Has been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee on February 26th. Back to Assignments then to State Government and Veteran Affairs. Now to Subcommittee on Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety. Chairperson, Steven Landek

SB 3016 – Confidential Employee (Senator Connelly, R-Lisle)

Amends Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Provides that a secretary, assistant, or one of like position to a person who formulates, determines, and effectuates labor relations policy is presumed to be a "confidential employee". Provides that the following is considered to be a person who formulates, determines, and effectuates labor relations policy under the Act: (i) the mayor, village president, county board president, county board chairman, or other chief executive officer of a unit of local government, and (ii) any village or city manager or village or city administrator, or anyone in a like position in any unit of local government.

BACOG Position:

IML Position: Endorse

Bill Status: Has been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, Postponed.

SB 3047 – Water Loss Accounting (Senator Kotowski, Bush and Noland, D-Park Ridge, D-Grayslake, D-Elgin)

Creates the Water Loss Accounting Awareness Act. Provides that, before July 31, 2015, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Illinois State Water Survey of the University of Illinois, and other local and regional water management leaders and interested parties as the Agency deems appropriate, shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report that reviews and evaluates the latest available information on water loss in Illinois including existing data, policies, procedures, and

institutional knowledge (including publicly available reports from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the American Water Works Association, and the State archives). Effective immediately.

BACOG Position: Neutral

Bill Status: Was Referred to Assignments, Assigned to Environment, Hearing Postponed. Chairperson, Linda Holmes

SB 3106 – Local Records – Internet Posting (Senator Connelly, R-Wheaton)

Amends the Local Records Act. Provides that a unit of local government or a school district that maintains an Internet website shall maintain an electronic mail system. Requires that unit of local government or school district to maintain and provide an electronic mail address for each of its officials for use in the course of their official duties. Requires a unit of local government or school district to post to its website for the current calendar year the contact information, including an electronic mail address, for all elected and appointed officials. Limits home rule powers. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: Bill was referred to Assignments; Assigned to Local Government; Senate Committee Amendment No 1 Filed with Secretary; Referred to Assignments, Senate Committee Amendment No.1 Assignments Refers to Local Government. No Hearing Scheduled at this time.

SB 3273 – FOIA-Exemptions; E-records (Senator Holmes, D-Aurora)

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Changes the definition of "commercial purpose" to mean the purpose or intent to use (rather than "the use of") any part of a public record or records, or information derived from public records, in any form for sale, resale, or solicitation or advertisement for sales or services or to otherwise further a commercial, trade, or profit interest or enterprise, as those terms are commonly understood. Provides that a public body may make its records available through any publicly accessible electronic means and may respond to a request by notifying the requester that the record is available through its Internet website or other publicly accessible electronic means. Provides procedures in the event that the requester is unwilling or unable to access the record electronically. Provides that a public body is not required to respond to a request for records to be used for a commercial purpose and makes corresponding changes. Provides that a person who knowingly obtains a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose after being requested to do so by the public body is liable to the public body for a civil penalty equal to 3 times the cost of time, materials, equipment, and personnel expended by the public body in copying or producing the record and for any attorney's fees and other costs incurred by the public body in collecting the penalty. Exempts from disclosure under the Act records relating to all employee performance reviews and personnel evaluations and records and all complaints and investigatory material relating to a public body's adjudication of employee grievances or disciplinary cases. Exempts from disclosure records relating to litigation of a civil or criminal nature to which the public body is or may be a party or to which an officer or employee of the public, as a consequence of the person's office or employment, is or may be a party. Provides that the Attorney General must make available on the website of the Office of the Attorney General a copy of each binding opinion, each advisory opinion, and, for any instance in which the Attorney General resolves a request for review by mediation or by means other than the issuance of a binding opinion, each nonbinding opinion or other correspondence or document that constitutes the final decision by the Attorney General in resolving that request for review.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Initiative

Bill Status: Has been assigned to executive. Moved to Subcommittee on Governmental Operation, no hearing scheduled.

SB 3309 – Work Comp – Widow – Fire - Police (Senator Bertino-Tarrant, D-Plainfield)

Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if a fund or system mistakenly sets any benefit at an incorrect amount, it shall recalculate the benefit as soon as may be practicable after the mistake is discovered. Sets forth specific requirements regarding when a benefit is mistakenly set too low and when a benefit is mistakenly set too high. Amends the Downstate Firefighters and Cook County Forest Preserve Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the amount of any overpayment of any pension or benefit due to fraud, misrepresentation, or error may be deducted from future payments to the recipient.

BACOG Position: Support

IML Position: Support

Bill Status: Bill was referred to Assignments, and Scheduled for a Hearing with the Executive , Postponed, Chairperson, Don Harmon

BACOG Action: Witness Slip Filed, Executive, 3/4/14

SB 3382 Property Tax- Open Space(Senator Munoz, D-Chicago)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in the case of public and private golf courses, the following shall be considered used for open space purposes: (1) tees, fairways, and greens; (2) buildings and structures, including clubhouse buildings, that are used exclusively for golf-related purposes; (3) buildings located on the grounds of the golf course and used exclusively for the purpose of housing employees of the golf course

BACOG Position: Oppose

Bill Status: Bill was referred to Revenue, Hearing scheduled for March 20th

SB 3392 – Work Comp – Widow – Fire - Police (Senator Sullivan, D-Quincy)

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that benefits accruing because of an accidental injury resulting in death shall be payable until the death of a widow or widower of a firefighter or police officer without consideration of whether the widow or widower remarries.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML: Oppose

Bill Status: Bill was referred to Assignments, and Scheduled for a Hearing with the Labor and Commerce Committee on March 5th 11:00am. Chairperson Gary Forby

BACOG Action: Witness Slip Filed, Labor and Commerce, 3/4/14

SB 3393 – Wireless Carrier Surcharge (Senator Sullivan, D-Quincy)

Amends the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety Act. Provides that on and after July 1, 2014, \$0.70 per surcharge collected shall be deposited into the Wireless Service Emergency Fund for distribution to 9-1-1 authorities, \$0.02 per surcharge collected shall be deposited into the Wireless Service Emergency Fund and distributed to County Emergency Telephone System Boards in counties with a population under 250,000, and \$0.01 per surcharge collected may be disbursed to the Illinois Commerce Commission for administrative costs. Permits the Illinois Commerce Commission to impose a penalty on a carrier equal to the product of \$0.01 (now \$0.005) and the number of subscribers served by the wireless carrier, and that any penalty collected shall be deposited into the Wireless Service Emergency Fund. Amends this Act to be repealed on July 1, 2018 (now July 1, 2014). Effective immediately.

BACOG Position:

Bill Status: Bill was referred to Assignments, and Scheduled for a Hearing with the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Amendment No.1 was filed, referred and assigned back to State Govern. And Veteran Affairs. Referred to Subcommittee on Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety.

SB 3449 – Inc Tax-Education (Senator Noland, D-Elgin)

Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code of Illinois. Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the income tax rates on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations shall be 5%. Increases the residential real property tax credit from to 10%. Increases the limitation on the education expense credit. Increases the percentage of the earned income tax credit. Makes changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain services are taxable under the Act. Amends the School Code. Creates the Education Financial Award System Fund, the Digital Learning Technology Grant Fund, and the STEM Education Center Grant Fund. Makes changes concerning the Early Childhood Education Block Grant; financial awards for school improvement and other awards; academic early warning and watch status; an educational improvement plan; the creation of the Digital Learning Technology Grant Program, a best practices clearinghouse, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Center Grant Program, and a resource management service; audits; school board member leadership training; a school district's school report card; financial policies and plans; a capital improvement plan; protection from suit; financial accountability; non-referendum bonds; the foundation level of support under the State aid formula; the New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program; school board associations; and transportation reimbursement.

BACOG Position: Oppose

IML Position: Oppose

Bill Status: Has been referred to Assignments. Assigned to Revenue.